

## North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety

Beverly Eaves Perdue, Governor

Reuben F. Young, Secretary

March 5, 2010

The Honorable Marc Basnight President Pro-Tempore North Carolina Senate Legislative Building, Room 2007 Raleigh, NC 27601-2808

The Honorable Joe Hackney Speaker of the House North Carolina House of Representatives State Legislative Building, Room 2304 Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

Dear Senator Basnight and Speaker Hackney:

Pursuant to Section 16.2 of the 2009 Appropriations Act, the North Carolina State Highway Patrol is a participant in the Equitable Sharing of Federally Forfeited Property Program with the United States Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Treasury. With the support of the Joint Legislative Commission on Government Operations, the Highway Patrol has been able to provide life saving equipment and support to its members in the pursuit of its core mission—to ensure safe and efficient transportation on our streets and highways throughout North Carolina.

This correspondence reports the Highway Patrol's intent to use \$143,000 in Federal Asset Forfeiture funds to support the purchase listed below. As of February 28, 2010, the fund balance for the Highway Patrol's three forfeiture accounts, (2420, 2425, and 2430), was \$3,293,830. If this request is approved, the new balance of our forfeiture account revenue will equal \$3,150,830. If you have any questions about any of these purchases, please contact my office at (919) 733-2126.

> Sincerely, Reuben F. Young

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Secretary

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ITEM REQUESTED	AMOUNT
1. An upgrade to the Highway Patrol's communication consoles is necessary in several troops. These upgrades will enable Highway Patrol Telecommunicators (dispatchers) to access 800 MHz communications via digital connections instead of the analog equipment being used today. One upgrade at our Headquarters in Troop D (Greensboro) has run over-budget due to unforeseen construction issues. Since the original budget for this project was funded with federal appropriations, the use of federal forfeiture funds is the logical choice to support the unanticipated cost of completing that project.	\$143,000.00
TOTAL REQUEST:	\$143,000.00